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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Network-Affiliate Rules, MM Docket 95-92

Dear Mr. Caton:

The CBS Television Network Affiliates Association hereby provides copies of the attached letters that have been sent to Chairman Hundt and the Commissioners. It is likely that copies of all these letters were sent by their authors to the appropriate docket file, but this set of copies is being filed out of an abundance of caution to ensure that the public has access to them.

Please direct any inquiries concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



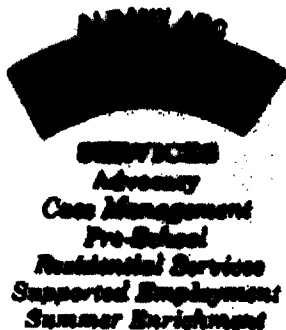
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The Hon. Ronald E. Hannit, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814
Washington, DC 20054

RE: Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing
Programming Practices of Broadcast Television
Networks and Affiliates.
MM Docket 95-92.

Dear Chairman Hannit:

I am writing to ask that you retain the network affiliate rules and not change the above Regulations. Our local station WALB-TV is a small market station and provides local service to the same area that we service. When WALB-TV preempts network for other programming it allows them to do a large amount of public service programming and announcements. Albany ARC depends on that public service time.

If the regulations are changed, the services that WALB-TV provides will be severely limited. The services that Albany ARC depend on may be taken away entirely. WALB-TV provides a great service to our organization, our employees, and our more than 600 clients. We strongly urge that you retain the network affiliate rules now in place.

Sincerely,

Annette Bowling
Executive Director

cc: The Hon. James H. Quillen
The Hon. Susan Nuss
The Hon. Rachelle B. Chong
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WAYNE M. MARTIN
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May 24, 1996

The Hon. Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
The Hon. James H. Quillen, Susan Ness
and Rashelle B. Chong, Commissioners
Federal Communications Commission
119 M. Street, N.W., Eighth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20054

**Re: Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Programming
Practices of Broadcast Television Networks and Affiliates
MM Docket 95-92**

Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

Please allow me this opportunity to express to you how important we find it is to retain the network-affiliate rules. These rules were developed to assure stations of the ability to offer diverse local programming.

The proposal to retain the "right-to-reject" rule, while allowing the networks to stop affiliates from making "economic presumptions" would, for all intents and purposes, be the same thing as handing over the stations' programming rights to the networks. If these rules are modified or eliminated, it would devastate our ability to serve our viewing area through the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, Cardinal Hill Hospital Telethon, UK and area high school academic and athletic events, and many other programs.

On behalf of the viewers and clients that we serve, we at WKYT-TV urge you to ensure the "right-to-reject" rule remains as stated! Thank you in advance for any consideration you may give our request.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Martin

WM:md



**Children's
Miracle Network**

June 4, 1996

The Hon. Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 832
Washington, D.C. 20054

Via fax: (202) 418-2821

Dear Ms. Ness:

Just this past weekend, private citizens and corporations made a difference in the lives of millions of children by contributing \$141 million through the Children's Miracle Network telethon.

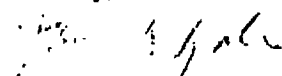
Indeed, without the instrument of the annual telethon, Children's Miracle Network would not have been successful in raising \$1 billion for non-profit children's hospitals over the past 14 years. The 160 hospitals affiliated with Children's Miracle Network serve seven million children each year regardless of their economic and medical circumstance. These hospitals provide over \$2.5 billion each year in charity care alone.

Televised by 200 local broadcasters affiliated with the four major networks, the telethon remains the best way to mobilize the private sector of our society to step forward and provide solutions to the many medical problems experienced by children every day. In an era of constricting resources brought on by managed care and cuts in Medicaid, private initiatives such as the Children's Miracle Network telethon are the most viable and relevant means today for safeguarding quality health care for all children.

The 200 local stations that aired the telethon were the primary agents responsible for bringing new and needed revenue to the children's hospitals in their markets. Therefore, on behalf of the many hospitalized children who benefit from the funds raised, we strongly urge that you leave as presently constituted that "right to reject" rule that enables local broadcasters to preempt network programming for telethons and other non-network programming.

To curtail the autonomy of local broadcasters in this regard would go contrary to the public interest and, more to the point, to the interests of children.

Sincerely,



Joseph G. Lake
Co-Founder & Executive Vice President

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June 3, 1996

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 844
Washington, D.C. 20054

VIA MAIL AND FAX

Dear Commissioner Chong:

As you consider the upcoming "Right To Reject" rule as it applies to the relationship between a broadcast network and its affiliates, please understand the importance of local television and our relationship to our home markets.

The occasional necessity of local pre-emptions is a right that we reserve with our networks from the inception of our affiliation agreements. These pre-emptions are used judiciously and are used for a variety of local news, sports and religious programming.

Networks can in many ways view all pre-emptions as "economic". The basic facts are that we pre-empt a fraction of a percentage of the network's programming.

The bottom line is that localism in broadcasting is the backbone of what we do. The network is a partner and provides quality programming to our viewers here.

We respectfully ask that when you consider the "Right To Reject" rule next week, that you leave it as it is and allow us to make the same responsible programming decisions, right here at home, that have made us what we are.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BJ', written over the printed name 'Brian Jones'.

Brian Jones
Vice President/General Manager

BJ/ck

bcc: Kurt Wimmer
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The Honorable James H. Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 802
Washington, D.C. 20054

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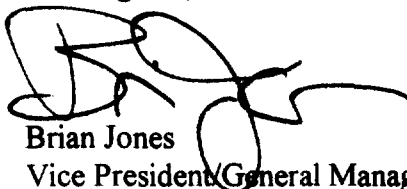
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